

BRITISH OFFENSIVE BEGINS

SUCCESS WOULD CUT OFF SUBMARINE BASE AT ZEEBRUGGE

SWEDEN TROUBLED BY CABLE EXPOSURES

UNCLE SAM ASSUMES ADVANCE IN WAGES

Battles of Big Guns Open On Important Sectors Filled With Possibilities

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 20.—Stockholm dispatches to Reuters say the Swedish minister at Berlin has been instructed to protest to Germany against the Luxburg incident, it being "confirmed" that German officials have seriously abused the confidence of Sweden.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Sweden's official reticence concerning the exposures made by Secretary Lansing of the part her diplomatic agents have taken in transmitting German messages is regarded here largely as a cloak to cover what must necessarily be an embarrassing international reform.

Officials of the state department made no effort to conceal the fact that the United States is disposed to accept the unofficial statements of regret and indignation from Admiral Lindman, minister of foreign affairs at Stockholm as a true indication of the Swedish people's attitude. Cablegrams from London have quoted a spokesman of the

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, 5 p. m.—After a long distance telephone conversation with shipping board agents in San Francisco, Chairman Hurley announced definite progress was being made toward a settlement of the iron workers' strike.

The president appointed a special commission representing him personally to visit the Pacific coast to investigate labor troubles in plants engaged in government shipbuilding.

The members of the president's commission are Secretary Wilson of the department of labor; Col. J. T. Spangler, Pennsylvania; Verner Z. Reid, Colorado; John H. Walker, Illinois; and E. P. Marsh, Washington.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The government yesterday opened a way for possible settlement of strikes in Pacific coast shipyards by offering to pay half of any wage increases for companies making not more than 10 per cent profits on commandeered ships. San Francisco builders, in whose plants a strike of ironworkers is in progress, agreed

(By Associated Press.) BRITISH FRONT, Belgium, Sept. 20.—A new offensive has begun and is markedly successful, especially in the crucial sector between the Ypres-Vulper railroad and Holbeke. If the English retain the positions gained near Inverness cove and Nunswood, they will have accomplished one of the most remarkable achievements of recent months.

German infantry is making a most determined resistance to retain this vital ground and Teuton artillery is retaliating heavily against the British big guns.

A bitter fight is progressing near Glencorse Wood and Nunswood. Today's offensive will be known as the battle of men in the road. Fair weather had improved the ground, but the mud is deep, and the

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 20.—The British on the Belgian front attacked German positions east of Ypres. General Haig reports satisfactory progress, having already captured some valuable positions.

Field Marshal Haig's selection on the battle front, east of Ypres, as the scene of his latest offensive indicates continuance of his purpose to force the armies of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria from the western coast of Belgium and cut off the German submarine and airplane bases on the North sea from Zeebrugge to Nieuport, including Ostend.

INSANE WOMAN DROPS TO DEATH

MRS. LOUISE BROWN BALKS LUNACY COMMISSION BY SUICIDE.

(By Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 20.—Mrs. Louise Brown, going unaccompanied to her hearing before the lunacy commission, climbed out of a window on the tenth floor of the hall of records and dropped to the ground when her skirt tore, leaving part in the hands of a woman who was trying to rescue her. She died noon.

KING WANTS TO WED COMMONER

GREEKS OCCUPIED WITH THE LOVE AFFAIR OF THEIR NEW SOVEREIGN.

(By Associated Press.) ATHENS, Sept. 20.—Prospects of a marriage alliance for King Alexander are being widely discussed, and have become an affair of state. The view has been held that marriage with a princess from an Entente country could be more in the interests of Greece than a private alliance. The king, however, does not approve this view, and wants to marry a young Greek woman of high character, the daughter of a court official.

TURKS FIGHTING AGAINST ITALY

AUSTRIA DRAWS UPON ORIGINAL ALLIES FOR SUPPORT AT FRONT.

(By Associated Press.) ROME, Sept. 20.—Prisoners taken by the Italians on the Carso front include several Turks, proving that Austria-Hungary is getting reserves from every possible quarter in making a last desperate effort to stem the advance, according to Italians.

ANTI TRUST ACT IS CONDEMNED

PRESIDENT OF BALDWIN WORKS SAYS SHERMAN LAW IS FATAL.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 20.—Vigorous denunciation of the operation of the Sherman anti-trust act as hampering the efforts of business men to aid the government in prosecution of the war, was made by Alva Johnson, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, at the war convention of business men.

"If there is any one thing this war has demonstrated it is that the principle of the Sherman act will not stand the strain of war," declared Mr. Johnson.

U. S. OFFICERS WIN WAR CROSS

REWARD FOR BAPTISM OF FIRE WHILE ACTING AS OBSERVERS.

(By Associated Press.) AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, France, Sept. 20.—Brigadier General George B. Duncan and Major Campbell King are the first American officers to receive the war cross in France. The awards grow from the American participation in the recent Verdun offensive. They acted as observation officers in forward artillery posts. Whether they will be permitted to accept the decorations is unknown.

REPLY TO POPE FROM GERMANY

WILL REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY PLEDGES CONCERNING BELGIUM.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Sept. 20.—The German reply to the pope's note will be released probably Saturday. The press agrees it will not contain specific declarations regarding Belgium. It is thought, considering Belgium too valuable a pawn to be exposed to jeopardy through an ill-timed or hasty move.

Bombardment by the British artillery of the German lines in the Ypres sector in Flanders continued most intense, but there has been no infantry movement in force. An attack on a larger scale than the usual daily raids probably is imminent.

Berlin apparently is much exercised over the ever increasing volume of shells from the British big guns. From the Houtholst wood, northeast of Ypres, to the River Ys, on the Belgo-French border, Berlin reports the British fire has been destructive. Field Marshal Haig's artillery increased its volume of shots to drum fire several times. At several points from the Aisne valley to Lorraine the French have made raids into the German defenses. Here, too, the exposure of ammunition is great, especially on the Aisne front and northeast of Verdun.

The Italians have been more active on the Trentino front, harassing the enemy with raids and strong artillery fire. In a forward movement near Carzano, in the Sugana valley, east of Trent, the Italians captured 200 prisoners. Austro-Hungarian attacks on the Bainsizza plateau continue, but General Cadorna's men have held them for no gains.

HUTCHINSON WINS WESTERN LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.) HUTCHINSON, Kas., Sept. 20.—Hutchinson won the Western League pennant for the last half of the season by defeating Joplin in the third straight game of the play-off series yesterday in a shut-out 2 to 0. "Big Bob" Wright, who has pitched in five games in six days, held Joplin to three hits, two of them scratch, and fast fielding cut off the lone chance to score when Lamb hit a two-bagger and reached third. Lamb was the only man to get past first.

OLD SERGEANT PROVES AN ENEMY

WAS WITH PERSHING IN MEXICO BUT TURNS OUT PRO-GERMAN.

(By Associated Press.) PORT OGDEN, Cal., Sept. 20.—Sergeant Alfred Bonhaupt, Sixth United States Infantry, who served with Pershing in Mexico, and was discharged from the army, is interned at the German prison camp here as an enemy alien, following the intercepting of a letter he wrote to a sister in Germany, expressing regret that the United States had entered the war.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO		
Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah		
	1917	1916
5 a. m.	58	60
9 a. m.	67	72
12 noon	74	77
2 p. m.	75	77
Maximum Sept. 19	80	78
Minimum Sept. 19	60	60
Relative humidity at 2 p. m.	70	70
Today, 27 per cent.		

ONLY EIGHT BRITISH SHIPS SUNK IN WEEK

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 20.—British merchant ships of 1,600 tons and over sunk by mine or submarine during the past week numbered eight. Twenty ships under 1,600 tons were also sunk.

AMERICANS TRAINED TO DELIVER GAS ATTACKS

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—American troops in France are to be supplied fully with trained forces to deliver gas and liquid fire attacks.

PROPERTY OWNERS ROBBED OF VOTE

RADICAL SOCIALISTS IN RUSSIA FIND NEW MEANS OF CREATING ALARM.

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, Sept. 20.—The growing supremacy of the Bolshevik element in the Council of Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates here and at Moscow, with their radical programs eliminating all property owning classes from a voice in the government, is causing great concern.

MEXICAN IS EXECUTED FOR DEFILING FLAG

GOVERNOR OF LOWER CALIFORNIA ACTS SUMMARILY WITH BORDER OFFENDER.

(By Associated Press.) EL CENTRO, Cal., Sept. 20.—Octavio Flores, a Mexican resident of Mexicali, was ordered shot by Colonel Cant, military governor of the northern district of Lower California, for his alleged offense in tearing an American flag from an automobile.

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WESTERN FUEL MEN ARE FREED

PRESIDENT ISSUES PARDON TO HIGHBROWS GUILTY OF STEALING COAL.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—President Wilson has pardoned James B. Smith and Frederick Mills, vice-president and superintendent, respectively, of the Western Fuel Company, who are serving sentences of 15 months in San Quentin for defrauding the government.

GOVERNOR REFUSES TO SAVE A PITCHER

REGISTRANT MUST ANSWER SUMMONS IN SPITE OF AN APPEAL.

(By Associated Press.) SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 20.—The governor has refused the request of Henry Berry, owner of the San Francisco baseball team, to interfere in behalf of pitcher John Oldham, so he will not have to go to Cantonment until after the baseball season. The governor says he pursues a "hands off" policy with regard to exemption boards.

OXMAN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE PAID \$250 FOR TESTIMONY

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 20.—Frank C. Oxman, the Oregon cat-dogman, offered F. E. Rigall of Grayville, Ill., his personal check for \$250 to give false testimony in the trial of Thomas Mooney, convicted of murder in connection with the bomb explosion here July 22, 1916, according to testimony given by Rigall in the trial of Oxman for alleged attempted subornation of perjury growing out of the Mooney case.

"Oxman made the offer after I told District Attorney Fickert that I would make a poor witness for the state," Rigall declared. "He repeated the offer dozens of times. I rejected it each time."

Rigall also asserted that Oxman outlined a scheme whereby Rigall was to share the \$17,000 reward offered for the capture and conviction of those responsible for the bomb explosion and deaths.

"He told me my share would be approximately \$2,000, as the reward would be divided among several witnesses," Rigall testified.

Rigall told of the receipt of the

two letters on which the charge against Oxman is based. Oxman has admitted that he wrote the letters. The first of these letters, mailed December 14, reads:

"I have a chance for you to come to San Francisco as an expert witness in a very important case. There will be only three or four questions to answer. Will post you on them. You get mileage and all a witness can get, probably \$11. Let me know if you can come."

The second letter, which was mailed December 18, 1916, said:

"I will wire your transportation and expenses and tell you route. Mileage \$200, besides (sic) expenses. You only have to say you saw me at Stuart and Market streets at the time of the explosion. The state of California will pay for the mileage. I will attend to the expense. Say nothing to any one. Register from Evansville, Ind. A little more mileage."

The witness told of wiring for transportation and meeting Oxman at a local hotel as directed. Ox-

BOY BORN IN SALT LAKE.

Bert Smith, the popular lumberman, is in line for congratulations over the birth of a boy at Salt Lake City on September 12. The mother will be remembered in Tonopah as Miss Alma Dennis. This is the second child in the family, the first being a girl.

PROMOTIONS FOR OUR BOYS.

A letter received today from Camp Lewis states that John Evershaw, one of the recruits on the first quota from Tonopah, had been promoted to a sergeantcy, which pays \$60 a month and everything found. E. J. Ramsey and George Christian have been advanced to corporals.

WITNESS ACCUSES FICKERT.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 20.—F. E. Rigall, testifying in the Oxman trial, declared Fickert gave him \$150. He said he was in Niagara Falls at the time of the bomb explosion.

REDUCTION IN SUGAR.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—A reduction in sugar prices of about 1 cent per pound is assured in the West by October 1.

BUTLER THEATRE

TO-NIGHT

"AMERICAN—THAT'S ALL"

But That's Enough for a Fellow Like JACK DEVEREAUX and the girl—and WINIFRED ALLEN

A Comedy Brimming With Americanism, Youth, Love and Laughter

TOMORROW

Big Double Bill

SEVEN—REELS—SEVEN

See Tom Mix, the Dare Devil Cowboy, in "The Soft Tenderfoot"

Miriam Cooper, in "The Innocent Sinner"